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Local Items.

DEPOSITS at Bascom's!
PATENT medicines at Bascom's!
THE finest cigars at Bascom's!
CIRCULATING library at H. K. Slayton's.
ELEGANT handkerchief extracts at Bascom's!!!!

Big trade in "Diamond Dyes" at Bascom's!!!!

Buy your rubbers at Cleveland's shoe store. Large stock and low prices.

A GOOD line of sheet music and music-books at Griggs' store, Waterbury.

ORRIN DALRY will sell seventy-five barrels of the best Greening apples at cost.

If you want a good pair of boots or shoes call at Cleveland's shoe store.

Buy your sewing-machine needles at Griggs' shoe store, Waterbury. Needles sent by mail to any address.

CALL for the Dongola boot at Cleveland's shoe store. None genuine unless marked Dongola inside the boot.

ROSE CREAM GLYCERINE, for chapped hands and lips, leads the van. Put up in opal gallipots. For sale by druggists.

PERSONS thinking of buying pianos and organs are invited to see, or correspond with, George A. Ainsworth, Williamstown, Vt., before purchasing.

FOR SALE.—One thousand Macomber's improved hand corn and bean planters. Agents wanted for all unoccupied territory. For particulars apply to O. G. Phelps, agent for the state of Vermont, Milton, Vt.

WOOD BROTHER and SONS.—Those who wish to buy or sell wood of any kind are invited to call at the office of Angell & Morrow, South Main street, opposite Henry Lowe & Son's store. This firm also buy and sell shingles.

Current Mention.

A NEW time-table went into effect on the Central Vermont road last Monday.

THE Central Vermont railroad company are to use some of the new paper wheels on their new engines.

A PRECIOUS little St. Johnsbury girl is said to have propounded the question to her father: "Papa, which is the biggest, Fairbanks or Dod?"

TWELVE of the foreign insurance companies, doing business in this state, have already paid to the state treasurer their taxes for the year under the corporation tax law, and none have paid under protest.

THOSE scientists who account for the red sunsets by glibly remarking that they are due to meteoric, or other foreign matter, in the atmosphere should now explain why they occur at brief intervals and not every night.

THE VERMONT BOARD OF AGRICULTURE will hold a meeting at Watfield, on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, in the vestry of the Congregational church. A large and interesting gathering is expected. A meeting will also be held at Chelsea, February 7th and 8th.

THE Rutland Herald thinks that "our state legislature needs to pass an act to protect a soldier's pension from attachment in Vermont, and that congress ought to pass a statute of this character which would protect the soldier's pension in all the states, North and South."

SATURDAY last was an intensely cold day in all parts of the state. At Enosburgh Falls the thermometer marked twenty-four degrees below zero; at Northfield, twenty-six below; at Barre, thirty-two below; at Montpelier, thirty-four below; at Moretown, thirty-eight below.

In our last issue appeared an item which stated that over ten thousand pounds of honey were produced in Addison county last year. We should have said over one hundred thousand pounds. Two men in the county produced over fifty thousand pounds of comb honey.

In the interest of the common schools, educational meetings are to be held as follows: Stowe, Monday evening and Tuesday, February 4 and 5; Waterbury, Tuesday evening and Wednesday, February 5 and 6; Richmond, Wednesday evening and Thursday, February 6 and 7.

ALL those who had complied with the terms of our Good Cheer offer by the 18th instant should have received the January number of that paper by this time. Bear in mind that it is now necessary to pay for THE WATCHMAN to FEBRUARY 1, 1885, in order to secure Good Cheer. The offer is open to all subscribers, old or new.

THE Central Vermont railroad company has issued an order that will make drummers and other wealthy travelers weep. On and after the 1st of February it will not receive a trunk weighing over two hundred and fifty pounds. If a man wishes to transport property weighing more than two hundred and fifty pounds, he must divide it among two or more trunks.

NORMAN BLISS of East Calais has a half-blooded Jersey cow from which he has made four hundred and fifty pounds of butter the past year. The cow was dry one month during the time, and had only four quarts of corn-meal a day. Mr. Bliss intends to test her the present year, and thinks that, by giving her such good feed as she can stand, he can compete with any on record in the state.

SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICAN: "In his letter declining to be a candidate for the Vermont governorship, Frederick Billings spoke in favor of a return from the biennial to the annual system, and a number of newspapers up there are following in the same line. Vermonters like lots of politics, but they are not likely to go back from this reform. By the way, they can have Ben Butler, if they want him."

THE recent negotiations between the Central Vermont railroad company and the Delaware & Hudson canal company, by which it was proposed to run sleeping cars between New York and Montreal via Whitehall, Rutland and St. Albans, have been suspended, and the present arrangement of through trains via the Troy & Boston railroad, the Bennington & Rutland railroad and the Central Vermont, will continue in force.

THE Free Press tells of a photographer who supplied a picture for a widow whose husband died without leaving such a remembrance. There were, however, the remains of a barefoot, which had been made by a son of LeGrand B. Cannon, and afterward broken into five pieces. The photographer glued the bits of the bare-foot together, the widow stuffed a suit of clothes of the dear departed's, some one else

found a wig, and then the photographer "took" him. The picture is pronounced "an astonishingly good one, all circumstances considered."

A TEAM belonging to Leander Walbridge of Cabot was stolen from the sheds of the Methodist meeting-house, in that town, last Saturday evening. The team consisted of a black mare, thirteen years old, and founded, a sleigh that showed age somewhat, and in the sleigh were one wolf and one buffalo robe. Sheriff Tuttle is on the lookout for the thief, but, up to Tuesday morning, no clue had been obtained.

In reading the *Caledonian*, last week, we felt sure that a new man had hold of the editorial quill or that some one had stirred up the old one with a sharp stick, and we afterwards found that G. B. Harvey, a native of Peacham, formerly of the Springfield *Republican* and recently of Chicago, had taken the place of assistant editor of our conservative contemporary. The *Index* will now be put on its mettle.

OUR esteemed contemporary around the corner had this little note in its issue of the 10th instant: "The circulation of the *Argus* and *Patriot* is this week over one hundred larger than last week, a very handsome increase for one week." The circulation of THE WATCHMAN was nearly three hundred more last week than it was the week before, a very much handsomer increase for one week. THE WATCHMAN seems to be ahead, as usual.

THE house and out-buildings of Herbert Long, situated about one mile below Middlesex Center, on the brook road, were entirely consumed by fire at an early hour last Friday morning. Owing to the heavy storm the night before and the early hour at which the fire occurred, only a few of the neighbors arrived in time to render assistance, and a large portion of the movable property was burned. The horses and other stock were saved in a somewhat scorched condition. Insurance about \$350. As Mr. Long is a young man just getting a start in life, the loss, at this season of the year, is a particularly severe one.

"HUNK is a story that dropped from the telephone wire," writes our East Montpelier correspondent. "It may not be exactly correct, but it is the way we heard it, nevertheless. Jones, a not over-temperate customer, was lounging in the store, when there came a call from another store, some miles distant, to which Jones responded, 'Hello, Jones! What business have you there?' asked speaker number one. 'How did you know it was me?' replied Jones. 'By the smell of your breath,' replied the first speaker. Jones went away, musing upon the expediency of looking in the glass to see whether his breath was all right before he attempted any more telephonic communications."

If Charles Francis Adams could have seen a communication to the *Bradford Opinion* on the dead languages, written by "A Corinthian," he would have hesitated before opposing their study. Here is one gem from the article: "The tale of Chloë ought ever to be held sacred to memory as the birth-place of Homer and the mother of such eloquence and noble literature. The little farm, too, between the Minicun and the Po, the home of Virgil, has been the harbor of many a barque of literature whose destination has been a world-wide perusal." This beautiful mixture of things is only equalled by another correspondent, who says: "Mrs. Hammond of Pittsford Mills lost a cow recently by eating too much meal."

THE creditors of the Vermont copper mining company, at Vershire, represented by their attorneys, made a motion before Judge Rowell, last week, to have the entire property sold to the receiver, Samuel M. Gleason, Esq. The Boston and New York creditors were represented by Henry Russell of Boston and Governor Pingree of Hartford; and P. C. Smith of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Colby of New London, by George W. Kennedy of Waterbury; Governor Farnham appeared for Smith & Ly and a large number of Vermont creditors; General Thomas for the West Fairlee savings bank; S. B. Hebard of Chelsea for F. M. F. Cazin. All parties agreed to have the property sold, so that business may again be revived at the mines.

THE list of possible candidates for the governorship has been increased by "A Young Republican," who, in a communication to the *Windsor Journal*, says: "Amid all the talk about the next governor, I have not seen nor heard Mr. Dart's name mentioned at all. Can Vermont honor herself or the office better than by electing Hon. Justus Dart to that place? What man in the state can show a purer record, public or private, than he? It is known that he is not a 'tax-dodger.' Perhaps he does not have money, etc., but what ought money to signify in a matter like this? He is the type of the genuine Vermonter, having risen to his present position, from a poor boy, by his own exertions and true merit. The lawyers and newspaper men generally make the governors. Hear the farmers this time; they will one and all, in a solid body, go for Dart."

ABOUT two hundred of the sons and daughters of Vermont and their guests met at the Windsor hotel, Holyoke, Mass., last week for a sociable, supper and dance. The early part of the evening was given up to hand-shaking, greetings and the exchange of reminiscences. An adequate and enjoyable supper was served at half-past nine o'clock, after which Secretary Kimball read letters from Governor Barstow, ex-Governor Proctor, ex-Governor Hall, Governor Robinson, Congressman Whiting, Attorney-general Sherman, editors W. L. Warren and J. L. Shipley of Springfield, Mass., and A. N. Swain of Bellows Falls, Vt., Rev. E. A. Titus of Westfield and Miss Mary O. Nutting of Montpelier. There was dancing in Windsor hall, and the company broke up with the feeling that they had enjoyed an unusually pleasant evening, and that the idea of such annual reunions is an excellent one.

THE breaking of a switch rod at Swanton Junction, Saturday night, caused a collision between the Montreal train leaving St. Albans at ten minutes past six o'clock and a freight train from Rouse's Point. The baggage car of the Montreal train had the trucks knocked out, and the engine of the freight was somewhat damaged. Conductor Michael O'Day had an ankle badly sprained; Charles Hibbard of the Central Vermont railroad passenger department received two or three cuts on the head, face and leg, and one other passenger was slightly hurt. The switch rod broke when the passenger engine struck the switch, but the engine kept the track, while the baggage and passenger cars went off. The wreck was cleared by half-past ten o'clock, in season for the Boston express to pass on time. Swanton Junction is the meeting place for trains on the Western and Northern divisions of the Central

Vermont railroad, and every precaution is taken to prevent accidents. This affair was undoubtedly due to the action of the long-continued cold weather on the switch.

UNQUESTIONABLY we should deserve to be called a "blockhead" if, in an effort to pay an esteemed contemporary a deserved compliment, we should make such a mess of it as we seem to have done in our endeavor last week to speak appreciatively of the St. Albans *Messenger*. Our attempt, however well intended, must have been exceedingly malapropos, for our usually inoffensive contemporary exhibits every sign of anger, calls up Horace Greeley to help in branding us as a "blockhead" and indulges in other similar pleasantries. Now as to heads, if we are a "blockhead," it's our own head, and it's a great deal better for us than no head, just as a cork leg may be better than a leg, a living dog better than a dead lion, or a blockhead better than a chattering automaton, and so on—all of which can have no personal reference to our disgruntled contemporary, but simply illustrate the store we set by our own poor possessions.

THE West Randolph *Herald*, which, by the way, is a good local paper and deserves its prosperity, has enlarged to eight pages. We congratulate it on this fact, but when it says that "the amount of reading matter is nearly the same" as is found in "the *Windsor Journal* and similar papers," and invites its subscribers to "show the *Herald* to their neighbors and tell them that they can get a \$2 paper for only \$1.25," we are obliged to enter our protest. We have taken the trouble to measure the reading matter in the *Herald* of last week and THE WATCHMAN of the same date, and find that the former is a higher-priced paper at \$1.25 than the latter at \$2, considering the amount of reading furnished, granting the quality to be the same. In addition to this, we furnish the sixteen-page monthly, *Good Cheer*, free to those who pay in advance. In the nature of the case, it is impossible for any man to furnish a \$2 paper for \$1.25.

It is amusing to notice how those papers which deprecate booming any man for the governorship usually close their remonstrance with a little boom of their own. The *Windsor Journal* says: "In the meantime, it is too early for a successful boom of any kind. The discussion of possible nominees may afford pleasant amusement for booming editors, and can produce no great harm. When the time comes the people will take the matter in their own hands, and nominate their own candidate, and it would be no matter of surprise if their choice for governor should fall upon the present most excellent lieutenant-governor." Judging from such editorials as this, one would think that the "dear people" were possessed with an almost irresistible desire to make Hon. S. E. Pingree governor, and that it would take sharp political wire-pulling to prevent them from accomplishing their purpose. If this is the case, we should be glad to know it.

As the time draws near for the winter carnival at Montpelier, which occurs from February 4th to the 9th, public interest is getting to be aroused, and everything would seem to indicate that a very large number will participate in the enjoyment of that occasion. The Central Vermont railroad have issued some very unique and tasty bills, announcing excursion rates from the various points on their line, and a programme of the sports, which also gives the price of round trip tickets as follows: Essex Junction to Bolton, inclusive, \$2; Rutland to Northfield, inclusive, \$2.50; Roxbury to Brattleboro, inclusive, \$3; Randolph to Sharon, inclusive, \$3.50; West Hartford to White River Junction, inclusive, \$4. The programme of sports is a very attractive one, and, from personal experience, we can commend the trip as being thoroughly enjoyable. An excellent opportunity is also afforded to visit Ottawa, as the Canadian Pacific railroad will sell round trip tickets from Montreal for \$1.75. Parliament will be in session during the week, and places of public interest will be open to visitors.

A MUSICAL convention will be held in Northfield, at Concert hall, February 20, 21 and 22, and the following soloists have been engaged: Mrs. J. H. Minnis of St. Albans, soprano; Miss Mary A. Phinney of Montpelier, alto; W. F. Baker, Esq., of Northfield, tenor; Mr. M. D. Fuller of Burlington, bass; assisted by Mrs. E. Spencer of Marshfield, soprano; C. H. Bigelow of Brookfield, tenor; H. B. Whittier of Cabot, baritone; Miss Lilla M. Rumrill of Northfield, pianist. There will be concerts Thursday and Friday evenings, and a matinee Friday afternoon. Season tickets, \$1 each. A piano will be furnished by Mr. G. W. Wilder of Montpelier. The Central and Wells river roads give free return checks. This convention takes place at the close of a successful series of singing-schools by Professor E. R. Ober of Waterbury, and will be conducted by him. The convention of last year was successful and pleasant, and there is good assurance that this one will be more so. Free entertainment will be provided for all who apply in advance to J. M. Hitt, J. L. Moseley or E. L. Field of Northfield. The orchestra which has furnished music at the singing-schools will be present at the convention. There will be no committee of invitation this year, and a general and cordial invitation is extended to all singers and musicians in this vicinity to be present and participate in the exercises of the convention.

A MISSIONARY meeting, under the auspices of the Central Baptist Association, will be held at the Baptist church in Montpelier, beginning at half-past one o'clock p. m. on Thursday, February 7th, and closing Saturday noon. The programme is as follows: Thursday, at 1:30 p. m., devotional exercises; brief address by Rev. E. D. Mason, extending welcome and stating the object of the meeting; sermon by Rev. J. A. Pierce of West Randolph; paper, "Relation of home missions to our national welfare," by Rev. E. D. Mason. At 7:00 p. m., devotional exercises; a dialogue by the mission band of the Baptist church, descriptive of the condition of the heathen in Turkey, India, Greenland, Ceylon, China, Africa and Japan, and the Indians of Dakota—the members of the band to be dressed in the costumes of the different nationalities which they respectively represent; address by Rev. Dr. Mason of Boston, presenting the work and needs of the Home Missionary Society. Friday, at 9:00 a. m., devotional exercises; "The Publication Society," by Rev. Dr. Pollard of Boston; "The woman's work," by several speakers, provided by Mrs. Noble of St. Albans. At 1:30 p. m., devotional exercises; "Relation of home and foreign missions to each other," by Rev. W. A. Worthington of Groton; "The great commission binding upon the church to-day," by Rev. O. J. Taylor of East Bethel; "The great commission cannot be carried out without missionary effort," by Rev. H. C. Robbins of Sharon; "Property a talent to be used in God's service as much as any other," by Rev. S. F. Dean of Groton. At 7:00 p. m., discussion, "Can the heathen be saved without the gospel?" opened by Rev. J. M. Hall of Windsor; address by Rev. Dr. McKenzie of Boston. Saturday, at 9:00 a. m., "The woman's work in foreign missions," by Rev. L. B. Steele of Vershire; discussion, "Can any one discharge their whole duty to Christ without working for missions?" opened by Deacon A. B. Cushman of West Randolph; closing remarks by Dr. McKenzie. The public are cordially invited. Entertainment will be provided. Mrs. Gates of Boston, secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, will be present, and it is expected that she will be accompanied by a returned lady missionary.

T. J. DEAVITT, Esq., of Montpelier has recently procured the following pensions: David Barton, Montpelier, \$4 a month and \$885 arrears; James Campbell, Montpelier, \$2 a month and \$455 arrears; Horace Trask, East Warren, \$4 a month and \$1,000 arrears; Calvin Holt, Barre, \$2 a month and \$408 arrears; Albert French, Barre, an increase and \$400 arrears; James Thompson, Rutland, \$2 a month and \$511 arrears; Henry H. McLeod, Calais, \$4 a month and \$975 arrears; Charles E. Emory, Washington, \$2 a month and \$440 arrears; Francis H. Staples, Williamstown, \$4 a month and \$780 arrears; Benjamin F. Morse, East Elmore, an increase to \$8 a month; Charles H. Rich, Roxbury, an increase from \$2 to \$4 a month; Roger Hovey, Worcester, an increase from \$6 to \$8 a month; Albert N. Northrop, Tunbridge, an increase from \$8 to \$12 a month; George E. Robbins, Tunbridge, \$4 a month and \$150 arrears; Chester C. Hulet, Pawlet, \$2 a month and \$400 arrears; Wyman H. Allen, Greensboro, \$4 a month and \$910 arrears; Amanda B. Heath, West Topsham, \$8 a month and \$1,730 arrears.

THE *Argus* and *Patriot* again has recourse to the tricks of the illusionist to extricate itself from an embarrassing position. Recently, amid a grand flourish of wind instruments, it proclaimed itself the guardian of the republican party of the state. It waved a well-lashed sword of lath, gave a great deal of lordly lingo about "chiefs of rings" and sang its own praises for bravery in fighting mythical dragons and delivering the state from their tyranny. THE WATCHMAN challenged its doughty contemporary to come down out of the clouds and furnish a bill of particulars. Matters of fact, not "half-truths," was what the public wanted. After columns of wriggling, quibbling and evasion, of foolish talk about "good right hands" and "matted gloves" and "powerful and tenuous grips," to the suggestion of THE WATCHMAN that it was time to "put up or shut up," our contemporary showed the first gleam of good sense it had displayed for weeks, and, choosing the latter alternative, made a virtue of necessity and incontinent "shut up." Having plugged up to the "ring" attachment to its duplex organ, the *Argus* piped away with the full force of its bellows at tax-dodgers. THE WATCHMAN had asked its contemporary for any information it might have respecting judges of the supreme court, either republican or democratic, who had made out and sworn to false inventories and had, in consequence, become the subjects of legal proceedings. Now if there is one thing more than another about which our contemporary plumes itself, it is "publishing the news," "not a paper in Vermont even pretending to rival it" in this respect. But a ray of broad daylight was let in upon this delusion when, on the morning of May 24, its subscribers scanned its columns in vain for a report of the proceedings of the board of civil authority, held at the courthouse on the previous day. For this slip something may have been good-naturedly ascribed to a lack of enterprise, something to a little professional obtuseness in rating the value and importance of news items. The transactions at the courthouse may not have been considered so worthy of being embalmed as the escapades of Tom, Dick or Harry, matters which are usually served up with much *clat* and with a ruthless fullness of details, or its energies may have been exhausted in "exposing" an alleged republican post-office malfeasance of contemporaneous occurrence at Highgate. Circumstances, however, seemed to indicate that the *Argus* and *Patriot* may have had some sinister motives in suppressing an account of the proceedings before the board of civil authority. In its reply to THE WATCHMAN, the *Argus* uses up nearly a half of a column in threatening over some of its old straw, and amid the din of its empty fall casually remarks that it never heard of the case which formed the subject of THE WATCHMAN'S inquiries. What a confession for our great republico-democratic "news" contemporary! And "what a whooper!" too, some of the incredulous may add, in view of the fact that an event of this kind was a matter of great astonishment and chagrin last spring and was the subject of much unfavorable comment throughout the state. As we have said, the *Argus* was making a specialty of heinous tax-dodging, and we asked our all-wise contemporary about certain alleged cases of dodging by means of returning false inventories. People have a kind of respect for the consistency of the citizen, official or private, who refuses to make out an inventory and manfully stands up and takes the consequences, but making a false inventory and swearing to it is a kind of tax-dodging that in any one would not be so easily condoned, and in a judge of the supreme court such an offense would be greatly aggravated, and its enormity enhanced. It is pleasing to know that tidings of wrong-doing so rank have never penetrated the Eden-like precincts of the office on North Main street and sullied our contemporary's child-like simplicity. It is enough that Billings' wickedness has been made known to its pure mind. No oases in the desert ever presented a spectacle of such refreshing greenness as this example of paradisaical innocence shining out untarnished amid the arid, moral wastes of a naughty world, and it should be sorely guarded from the further intrusion of man's sinful deeds. "Never had any information of any such cases." No? Blissful ignorance alone could inspire this eager petition for the truth. "If our contemporary has, for heaven's sake let it disclose as soon as possible!" When THE WATCHMAN challenged the *Argus* and *Patriot* to prove its knowledge of alleged "rings" by exposing them and their "chiefs," as we remarked on a former occasion, we gave our dual contemporary the opportunity of a life-time to discharge its "duty to republicans." By its ignorance, lack of enterprise, or servility, it has lost, in the twin half of its character as a democratic organ of Jacksonian independence and fearlessness, what ought to have been worth a thousand subscribers, by its failure to expose, with the same energy it has displayed in the case of the proposed republican candidate for the governorship, the weakness or turpitude—whichever it may be—of a democratic judge. We regret our contemporary's lost opportunity. Its professed ignorance may be bliss,—unless

Who cover faults, at last them shame disclose;

Personal.

HON. JOSEPH BATTELL has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

MRS. JULIA C. R. DORR of Rutland has a poem in the February *Atlantic*.

J. M. HAVEN of Rutland has been confined to his house by a critical illness.

SUPERINTENDENT GEORGE N. EATERS of Rutland has returned from a western trip.

HON. PARKLEY STARR of Brattleboro is slowly recovering from his recent severe illness.

HON. L. D. EXAMBERG of Middlebury has been in quite poor health, but is now recovering.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN W. STEWART is the Vermont member of the national republican committee.

COLONEL and MRS. J. J. ESTEY of Brattleboro gave a reception, the other night, in honor of the Martin and his bride, and a large number were invited, and two hundred persons assembled. Among the guests were Rev. H. F. Hill, chaplain of the house of representatives, Guy C. Noble of St. Albans, Secretary of State Nicholas, State Treasurer DuBois, with ladies, and J. G. Martin, Esq., of Manchester. Mrs. Martin seems to have had a very happy introduction to Brattleboro society.

Montpelier.

The ladies of Christ church will hold a social on Thursday of next week at the Pavilion.

The ladies' sewing society of Bethany church will meet at Mrs. D. G. Kemp's to-morrow afternoon.

The regular monthly temperance meeting will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday evening, at seven o'clock.

The Montpelier association of Congregational ministers held a regular meeting at Bethany chapel yesterday.

A SINGING party of six couples, from Chelsea, will be at Montpelier last Saturday, and took dinner at the Pavilion.

The social assembly at the Pavilion, last Friday evening, was a very pleasant affair. About thirty couples were present.

The ladies' sewing society of Christ church will meet at Mrs. Henry Fife's to-morrow afternoon.

The choir of Trinity church has recently received some additions, and has passed into the charge of W. H. Terrill, as chorister.

The ladies of the Unitarian church will hold their next social at the residence of Mrs. J. A. F. to-morrow afternoon.

It is quite likely that the services at Bethany church will be held in the chapel again next Sunday, and possibly for some time to come.

The members of Washington county grammar school have organized a lyceum. A regular meeting will be held on Friday evening of each week.

The social given by the ladies of Christ church at the Pavilion last Wednesday evening was well attended, and netted about \$40 to the society.

A SPECIAL meeting of King Solomon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7, will be held at Masonic hall on Thursday evening, January 31, at seven o'clock. Work.

I. A. LATHROP has been selling a limited stock of books at auction, in the store next to the barber house, during the past week, attracting a crowd, as usual, and gaining a liberal patronage.

ONE Heath of Bradford was arrested Saturday, for intoxication, brought before Justice Clark on Monday, found guilty, and, upon payment of the fine and costs, permitted to depart in peace.

A PRIVATE class has been organized to receive instruction in German pronunciation and conversation, in charge of Hermann Jauch, a student of English and teacher of drawing at the academy.

THERE will be an oyster supper at the residence of Henry Wright, near Wright's Mills, Thursday evening, February 7th. A good time is guaranteed. Come, everybody, and help along a good cause.

MISS HELEN M. REYNOLDS has been at home for the past fortnight, caring for her mother, who has been very sick with lung fever. Mrs. Reynolds is much better now, and on Saturday her daughter returned to her medical studies in New York city.

GEORGE ALMON, clerk in the telephone exchange, is rapidly gaining a county-wide reputation as a musician. Reports of entertainment afforded by him to parties in Calais and Brattleboro, by telephone, have been received during the past week. He did it with his little harmonica.

THE recently elected officers of Helping Hand Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, were installed by D. D. George L. Lane, at a meeting held Friday evening. The principal officers are: N. G. T. Gordon; V. G. M. Charles Gurnsey; secretary, J. P. Donovan; treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Swales.

W. C. HARRIS, postmaster at Groton Pond, was at the Pavilion for several weeks after the fire at Groton, receiving a serious injury to his foot, some time since, having it jammed by a log. He is now able to get about the house and attend to clerical duties, but is likely to remain a cripple for some time.

CONDUCTOR CARL MCALLISTER has gone to St. Albans, where he will probably remain for the present. He has made many warm friends during his stay at the Pavilion, and has received much sympathy in his affliction. With kind regards, all wish him a speedy and entire recovery of the use of the injured limb.

MR. HADLEY'S seventh piano recital will take place Friday evening, February 8th, in Seminary chapel. To increase the fund for the relief of the poor, a collection will be taken, an admission fee of ten cents will be charged. The sum of \$300 has already been subscribed, and it is hoped the organ may be secured by another fair.

THE early train from the South Friday morning did not reach this station until nearly half-past seven o'clock. It was nearly on time at the Junction, but the branch train, in leaving that place, became stalled in the snow on the track, and the train was obliged to send to this place for men to go and shove it out. This is the first time for several years that this train has had such an experience.

A SPECIAL business meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in their rooms on Friday evening of this week, at which time a full attendance is desired, as it will be necessary to elect a recording secretary in the place of Mr. D. C. Thatcher, who has been compelled to resign on account of sickness. It is expected that several new names will be proposed for admission to membership.

WE have received the following, signed "Good Order": "Mr. Editor—A word about club rooms. Having never been connected with one, I cannot speak from experience; but last Sunday, while passing the Kialto block, I heard loud talking, and attempts at ballad-singing and clog-dancing in the third story of that building, all of which could be heard from the street. I thought driving through the main streets with a fast horse and gong-like bells was bad enough; but—well, that is all for this time."

was especially good, the solos by William Huntley and J. C. Miron deserving particular notice. Mr. Huntley shows, both in his compositions and their rendering, musical talent vastly superior to that usually found in such an organization, and Mr. Miron has an exceptionally powerful voice of good quality and perfectly within control. The bass drummer is evidently a soloist.

LAST Friday, while one of the Central engines, with a large snow-plow, was engaged in "wringing out" the main street crossing on the Barre track, a horse standing near, owned by an East Montpelier party, became frightened and started to run. The sleigh struck a post in front of Henry Cobb's marble shop and the horse was thrown upon its side, breaking both thighs and parts of the harness, and was prevented from doing further injury by the interference of a number of men, who soon reached the spot. The engine seemed not in the least frightened by the transaction.

We have taken into "Camp" the following item from *Texas Siftings* for the benefit of the genial clerk at the Pavilion: "Please, sir," said the bell boy to a Texas hotel clerk, "number forty says there ain't no towel in the room." "Tell him to use one of the window curtains." "He says, too, there ain't no pillows." "Tell him to put his coat and vest under his head." "And he wants a pitcher of water." "Suffering Cyrus! But he's the worst kicker I ever struck in my life. Carry him up the horse wall." "He wants to know if he can have a light." "Here, confound him! Give him this lantern. Ask him if he wants the earth, and if he'll have it fried on only one side or turned over."

The invitations are out for the sixth annual ball of Company H, to be held at the Pavilion, Tuesday evening, February 19. The occasion promises to be one of the most successful of these anniversaries. The members of the company have labored diligently to perfect the arrangements, and are deserving of much credit. The band of the highest reputation as a musical organization has been engaged for the occasion, and will give one of their excellent concerts, on the evening of the ball, at seven o'clock. The programme for this concert is as follows:

1—Overture, "Der Freischütz".....Weber.
2—Intermezzo, "Butterfly's Enjoyment".....Gungl.
3—Cortez solo, "Alex's".....Hartmann.
4—Selection, "Idyll".....Giese.

The grand march takes place at nine o'clock. Members of the company will appear in full dress, and visiting members from other companies are invited to appear in uniform. The members of the company extend a general and cordial invitation to all to whom they have not sent special cards of invitation, as it was impossible for them to remember all in that way. The railroad will carry for half fare all those taking the ball. The sale of tickets, which begins to-morrow, will be conducted by members. Tickets for the concert will be sold separate from the ball tickets, and will be available until the ball should avail themselves of this opportunity to hear so fine an instrumental concert.

The complimentary banquet, given Saturday evening by Hiram Atkins to E. Prescott Hardy and George M. Clark, and their associates of the Whitmore Light Infantry, was a repetition of similar pleasant meetings with his friends which Mr. Atkins has brought about in times past. About forty persons, including the gentlemen of the minstrel troupe, representatives of the various companies, and male employees of the *Argus* and *Patriot* printing establishment, and a few invited guests, took seats at the table, which extended the entire length of the dining hall. With the exception of the position of the host at the head of the table, with Mr. Hardy and Mr. Clark on either hand, the seating was very informal, and the feast was rendered all the more enjoyable by the genial host, who most plausibly placed a tasty *souvenir menu* card. The variety of edibles was large and of the choicest kind which the Pavilion could furnish, and those present gave vent to their appreciation of the quality of the viands. After the feast, a few moments were enjoyably spent in story-telling and the cracking of jokes and witticisms, the principal butt of the former being the genial host, who most adroitly parried the blows and exhibited much skill in returning them. Three hearty cheers were given by the guests, upon the suggestion of Mr. Hardy, for the Montpelier press. Invitations extended by Mr. Atkins were followed by many expressions of appreciation from all present for his kindness, among them being the enthusiastic remark of one gentleman to the effect that it would be a pleasure to meet the host "three times a day under similar circumstances," and after singing "Auld Lang Syne," with an ardor destined to arouse a dormant being in the house, the company dispersed.

As a tender of our "most profound" to Mr. Atkins for our share in the enjoyment of the affair. In our last issue we made mention of the serious illness of our townsman, Mr. John Gravelin. He died last Saturday evening, at the age of fifty-six years. Mr. Gravelin was the oldest truckman in Montpelier. After the cars began running to Montpelier, in June, 1849, John, as he was called, was soon on hand with a team ready to do any service for the freight men between the depot and the office. Then kept in the south corner store, to move the freight of Cheney & Co.'s express. Joseph W. Howes was the express agent and James H. Mead was his clerk, and George W. Hervey, E. Merrill and E. A. Bodwell were the messengers running to and from Boston. Referring to these events of thirty-five years ago, one can hardly resist the inclination to lift the curtain and get a glimpse of the changes which have taken place since then. Mahlon Coterill and Colonel Bonwell were the hotel keepers. Storrs & Langdons, Burbank & Langdon, Joseph W. Howes, Bancroft & Holmes, J. G. Merrill, and Wood, Erastus Hubbard, Keith & Barker, Loomis & Keith, and Lyman & King, and perhaps others, were the merchants. E. P. Wallis, Charles G. Eastman and J. C. Miron were the editors and publishers; Adams, Sp